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TASK OBJECTIVE

Develop a technique for quantifying dopant species identities and concentrations in optically dense samples using the dopant-induced infrared (IR) absorptions.

BACKGROUND

Have demonstrated we can produce gram scale samples of solid pH_2 doped with HEDM species with concentrations of 0.01 to 0.1%.

Dopants were produced using laser ablation which is not a suitable method for producing high concentrations.

Three teams in the Cryosolids Working Group tasked with: 1) developing new dopant sources; 2) developing a diagnostic for characterizing the new sources; and **3) developing diagnostic tools for detecting the products of these new sources in pH_2 .**

APPROACH

Direct absorption measurements of thick, heavily concentrated samples of HEDM doped pH_2 solids will not work as a diagnostic for these new sources.

Alternative is to use the dopant-induced IR absorptions as a diagnostic.

High Energy Density Matter (HEDM) Cryosolid Propellants

HEDM Cryosolid Program Objectives

Trap 5% molar concentration of energetic additives in solid hydrogen.
Demonstrate size-scaleable sample production method.

Payoffs

Increased Specific Impulse

$$I_{sp} \propto \sqrt{\Delta H_{sp}}$$

$$\text{LOX/LH}_2: I_{sp} = 390 \text{ s}$$

$$5\% \text{ B/H}_2 + \text{LOX}: I_{sp} = 500 \text{ s (+30\%)*}$$

*calculated for $P_{\text{chamber}} = 1000 \text{ psia}$, $P_{\text{exhaust}} = 14.7 \text{ psia}$

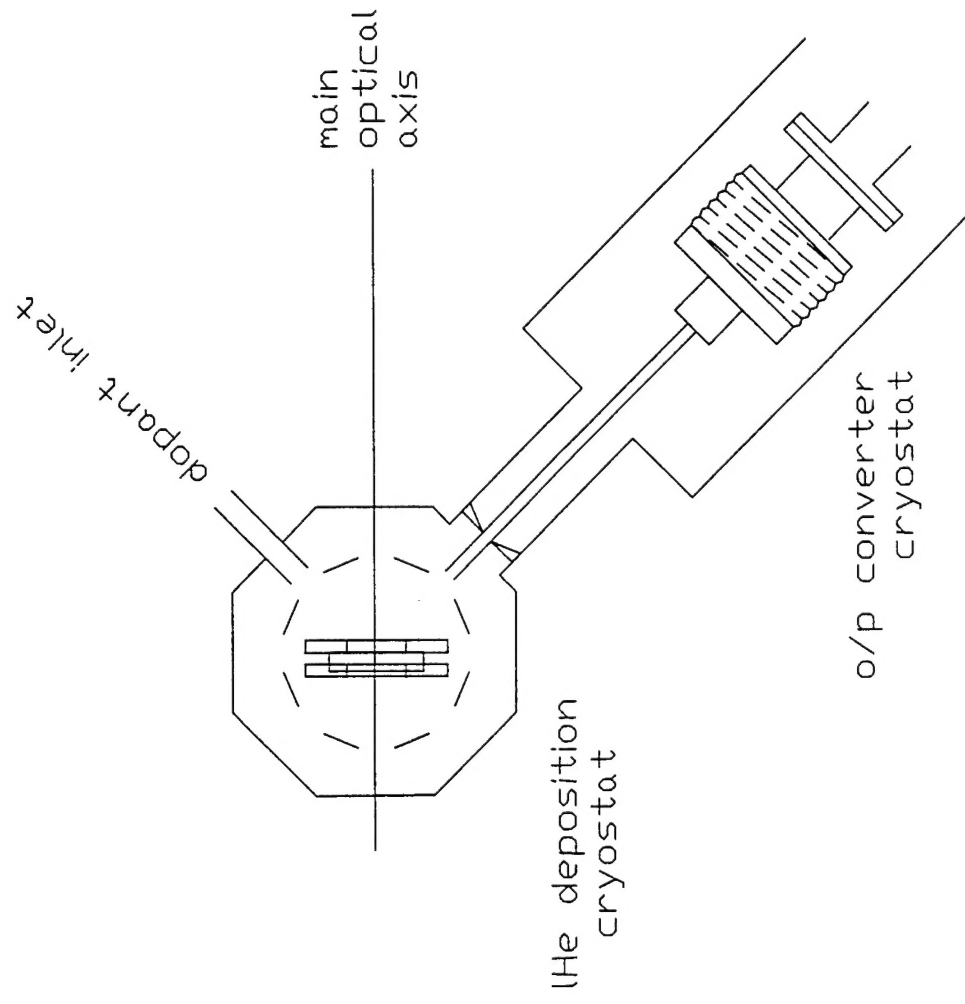
Greater Propellant Density

$$\text{liquid H}_2: = 0.070 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

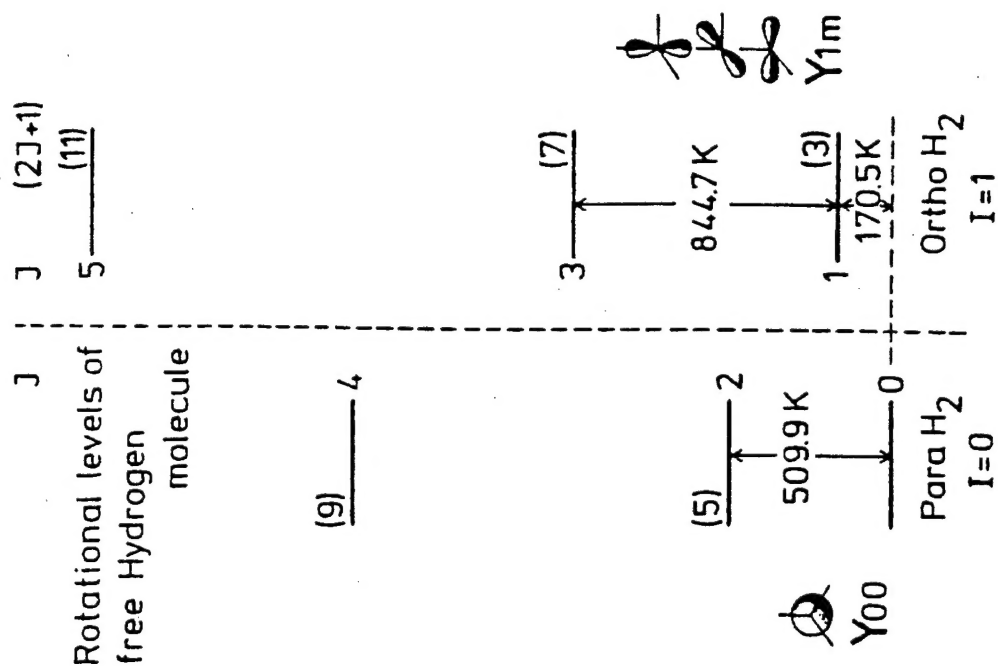
$$\text{solid H}_2: = 0.087 \text{ g/cm}^3 (+25\%)$$

$$50/50 \text{ liquid He/solid H}_2: = 0.105 \text{ g/cm}^3 (+50\%)$$

Experimental Diagram

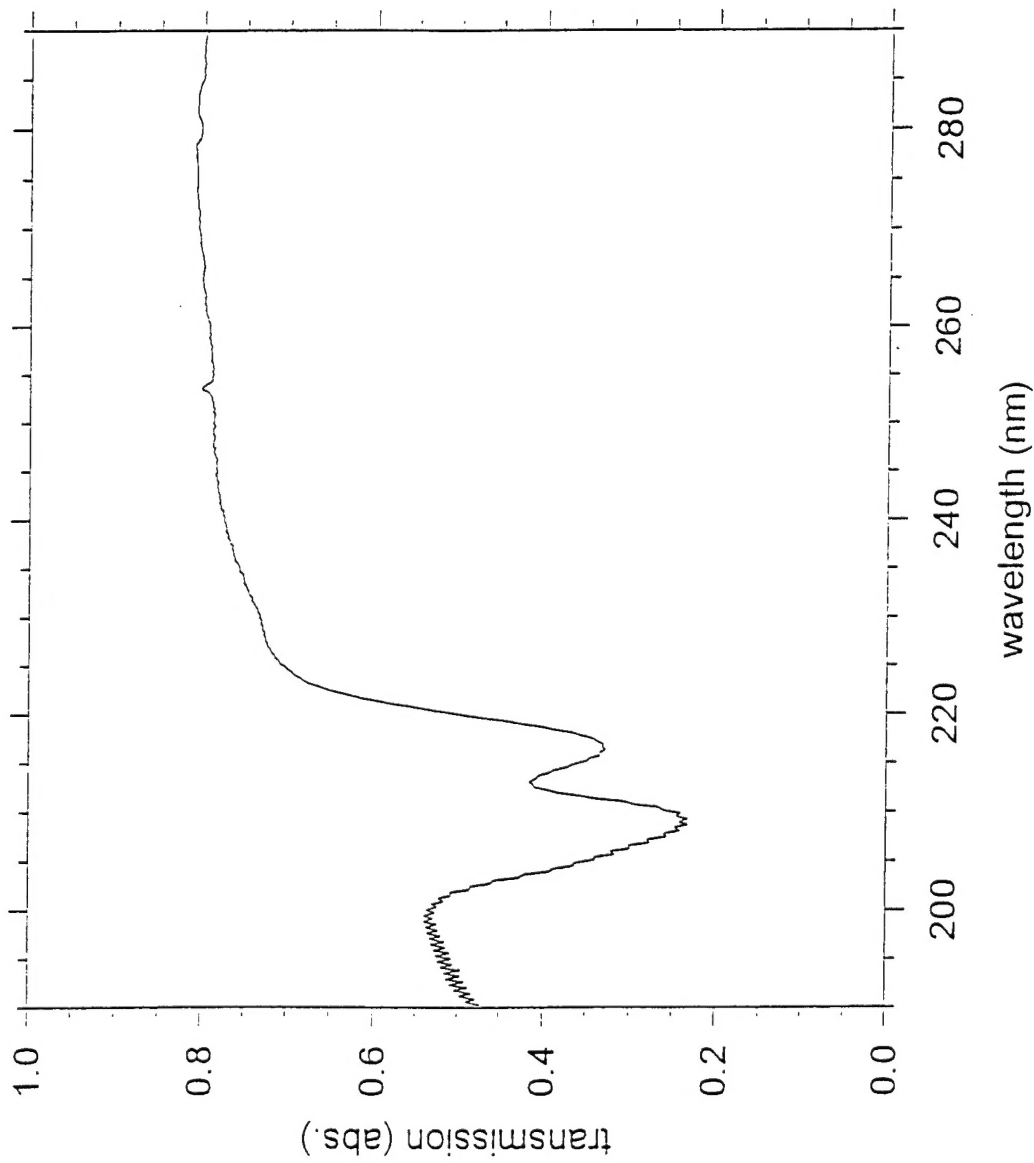


Ortho- and Para-Hydrogen



I.F. Silvera
 Rev. Mod. Phys.,
 52, 393 (1980).

B Ablation in p-H₂ Matrix Transmission Spectrum at 2 K



NOTE:
Transmission = 0.8
at 240 nm!

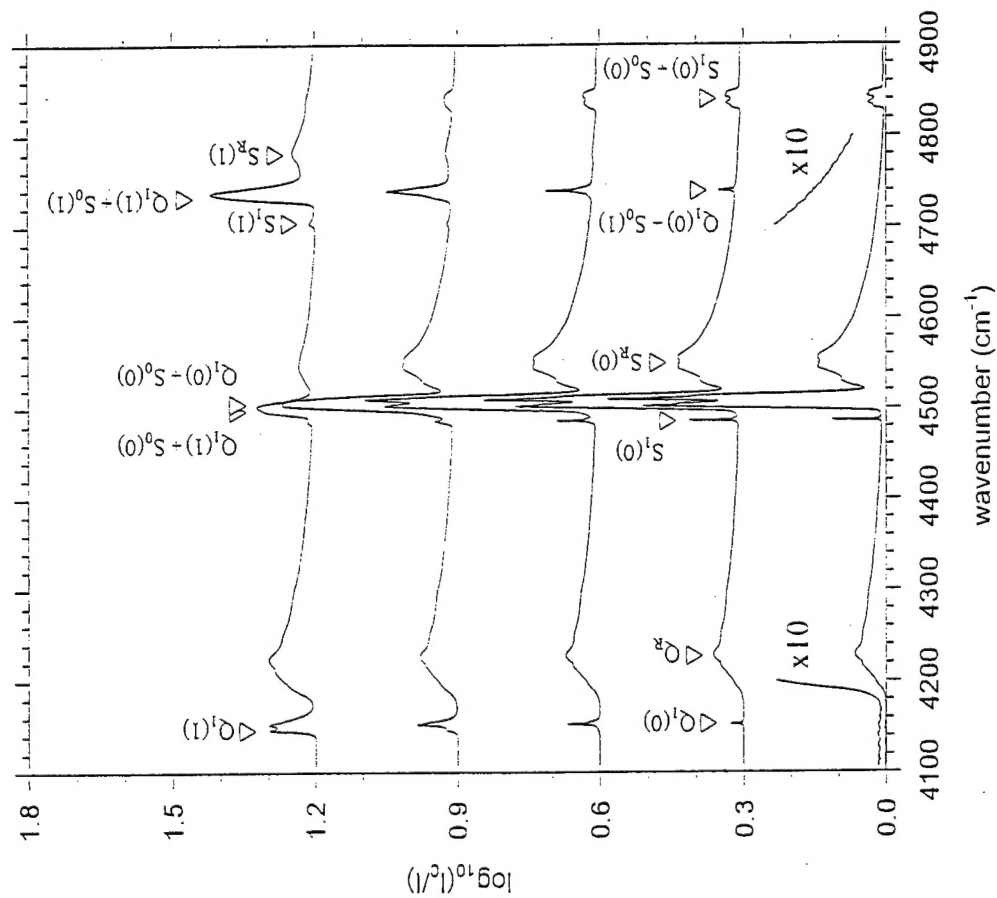
Demonstration of Control of o-H₂ Fraction

At 0% o-H2:

Observation of $S_1(0)$
and non-observation
of $Q_1(0)$ implies
h.c.p. solid

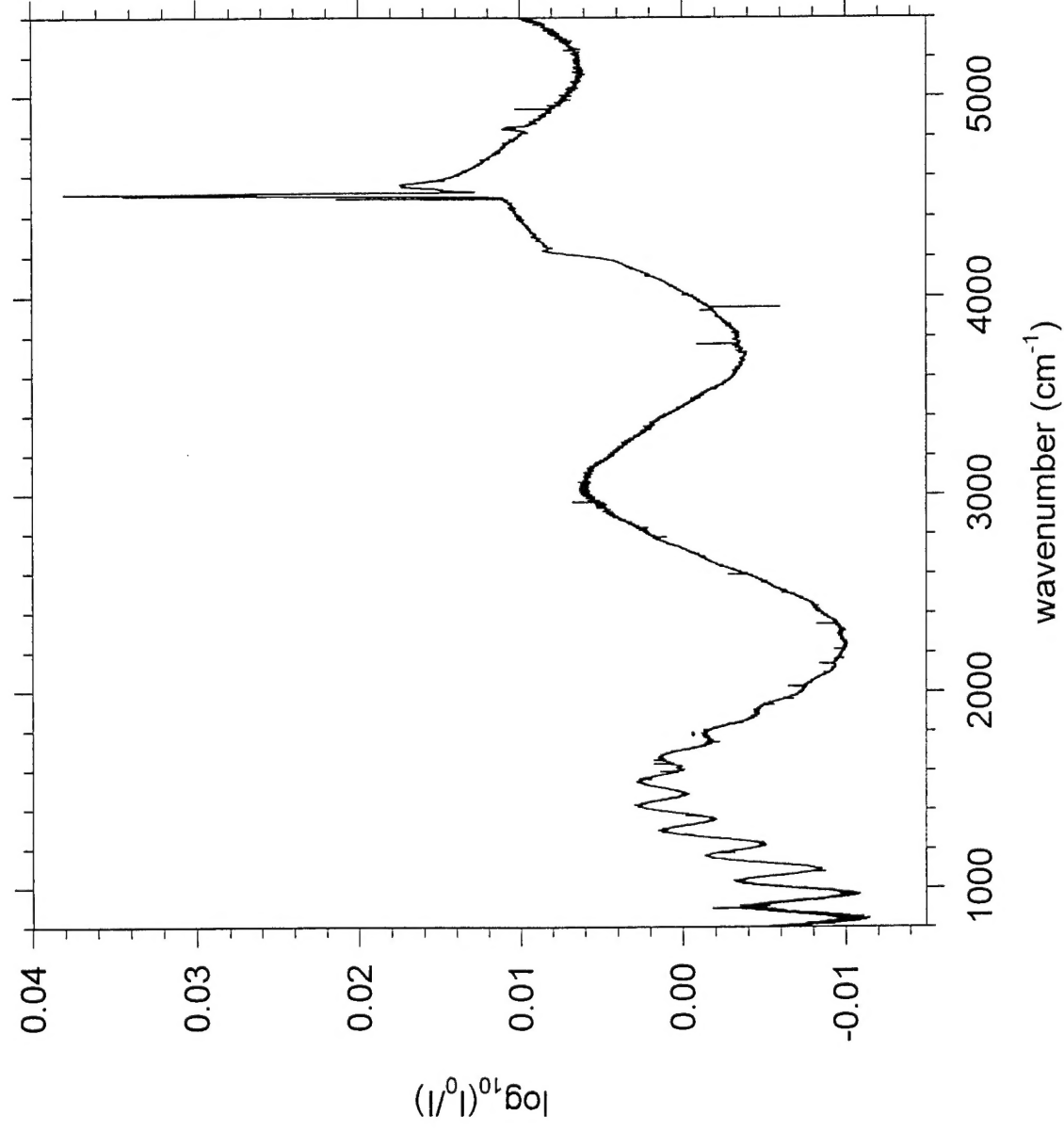
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J. van Kranendonk
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Phys. Lett., **1**, 22
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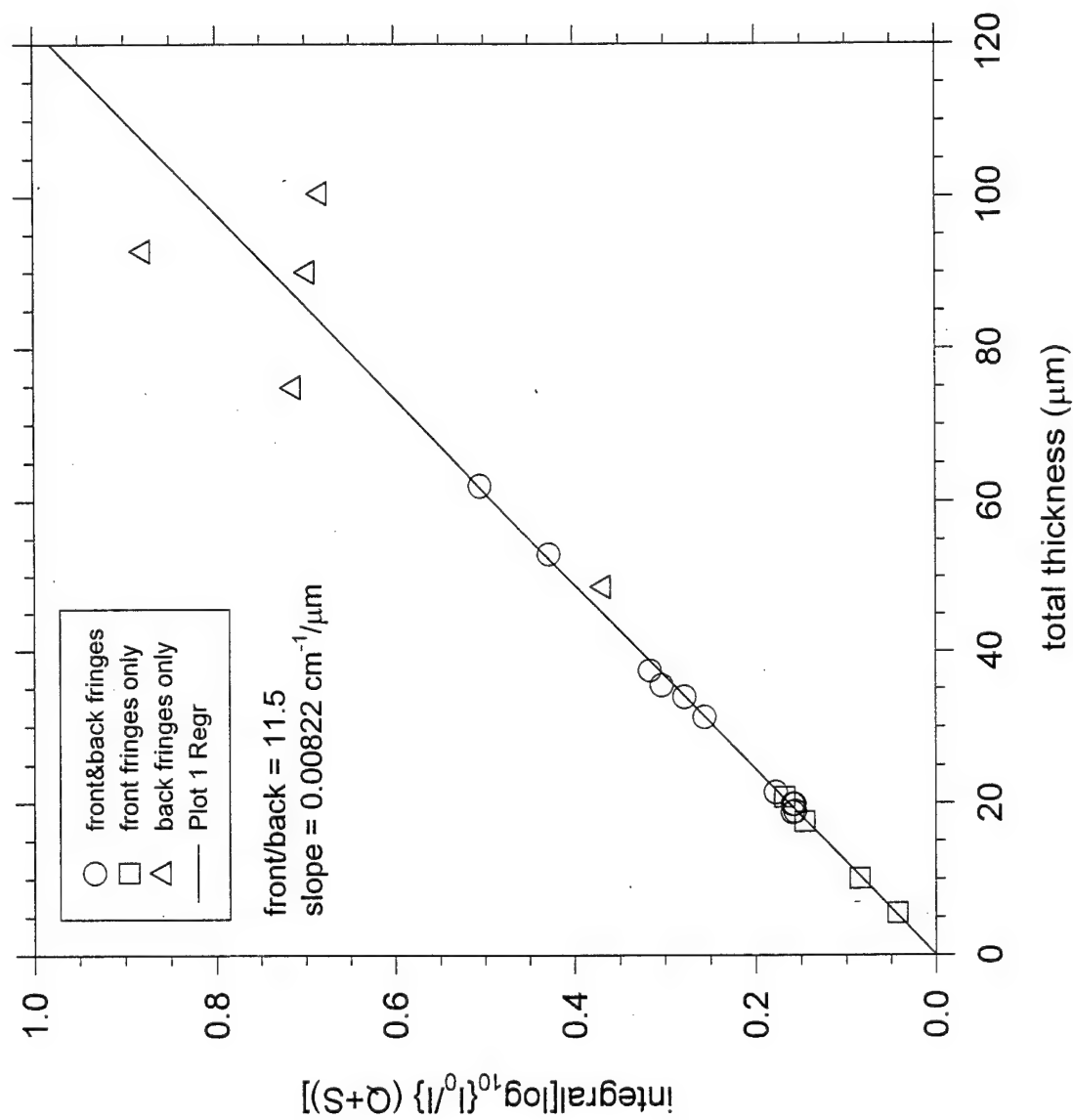


Converter Temp	% o-H ₂
135 K	70
52 K	25
37 K	8
28 K	2
15 K	<0.01

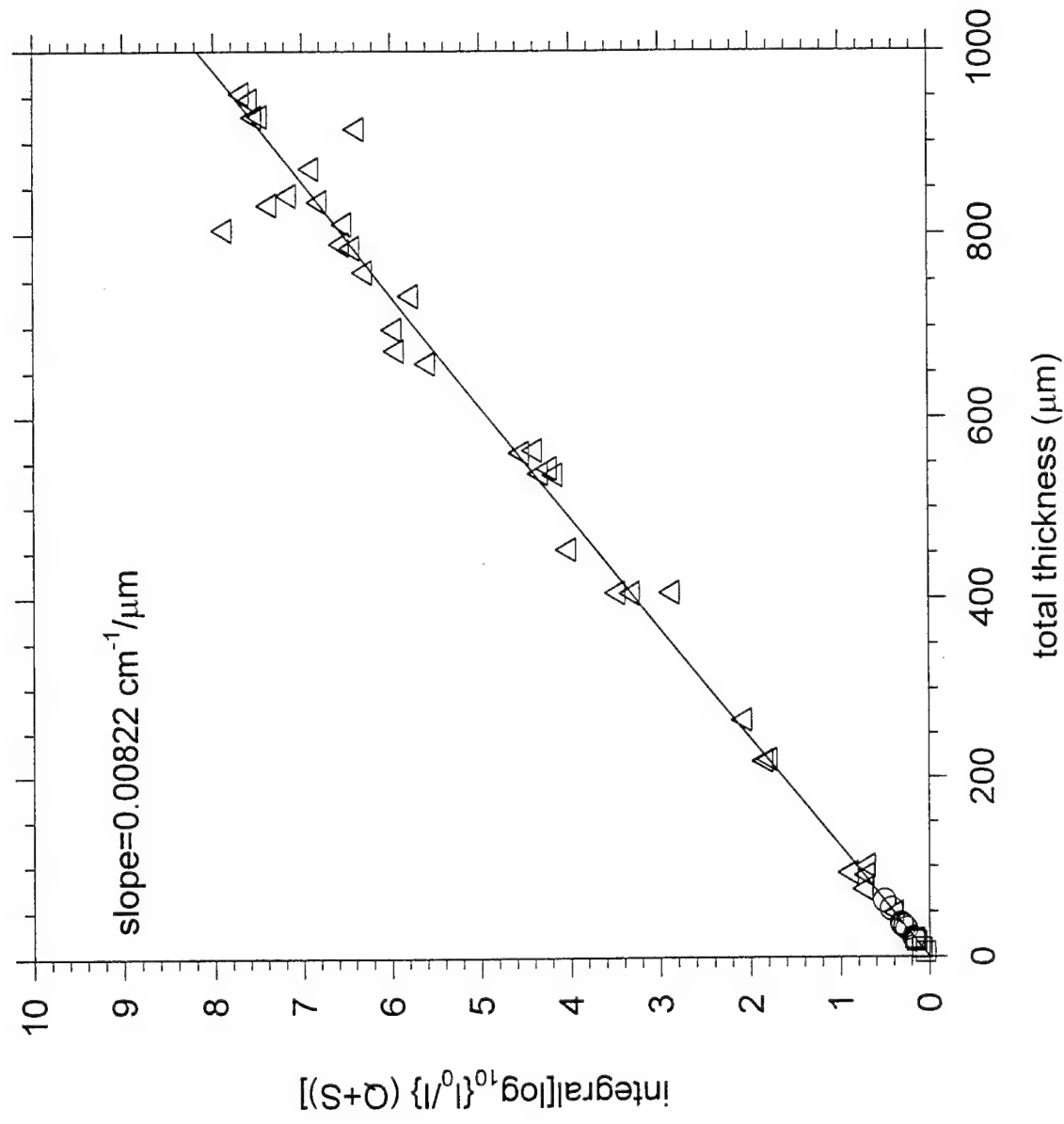
**IR Absorption Spectrum of a 37.4 μm Thick Vapor Deposited pH_2
Solid (34.4 μm front + 3.0 μm back)**



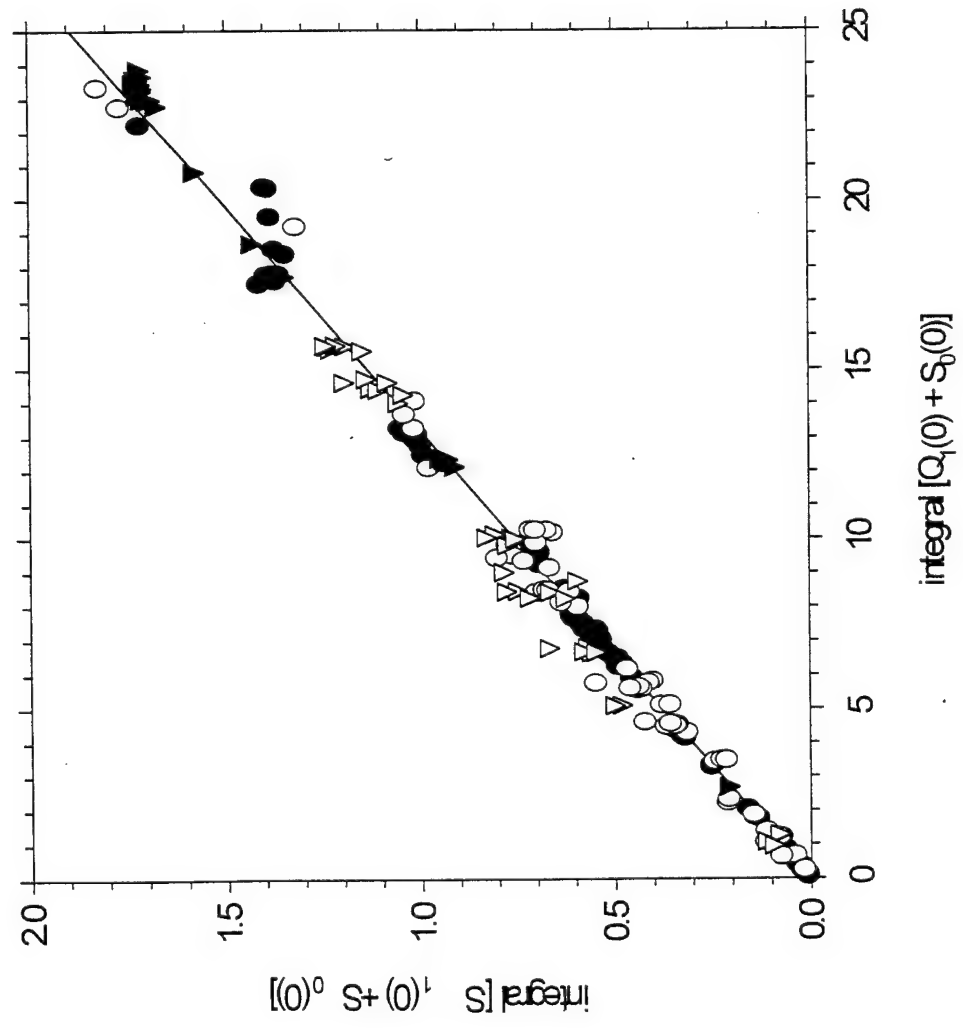
Correlation of the Total Thickness Determined by Interferometry versus the Integrated Absorption Intensity of the $Q_1(0)+S_0(0)$ Transition of Solid pH_2



Extrapolation of the Total Thickness versus the Integrated Absorption Intensity of the $Q_1(0)+S_0(0)$ Transition of Solid pH_2



Correlation between the Integrated Intensities of the $Q_1(0)+S_0(0)$ and $S_1(0)+S_0(0)$ Transitions of Vapor Deposited pH_2 Solids



NOTES

$$\alpha_{Q+S} = 188 \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$\alpha_{S+S} = 0.0757 \alpha_{Q+S} = 14.2 \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

For determining thickness:

<u>Band</u>	<u>Range</u>
$Q_1(0)+S_0(0)$	0-1 mm
$S_1(0)+S_0(0)$	1-10 mm

Beer's Law

$$A(\tilde{\nu}) \equiv 2.303 \log_{10} \left(\frac{I_0}{I} \right) = \alpha c l$$

$$c = \frac{A(\tilde{\nu})}{\alpha l} \Rightarrow \frac{2.303 \int_{band} \log_{10} \left(\frac{I_0}{I} \right) d\tilde{\nu}}{l \int_{band} \alpha(\tilde{\nu}) d\tilde{\nu}}$$

Increased path lengths or highly concentrated samples can cause saturation of the absorption.

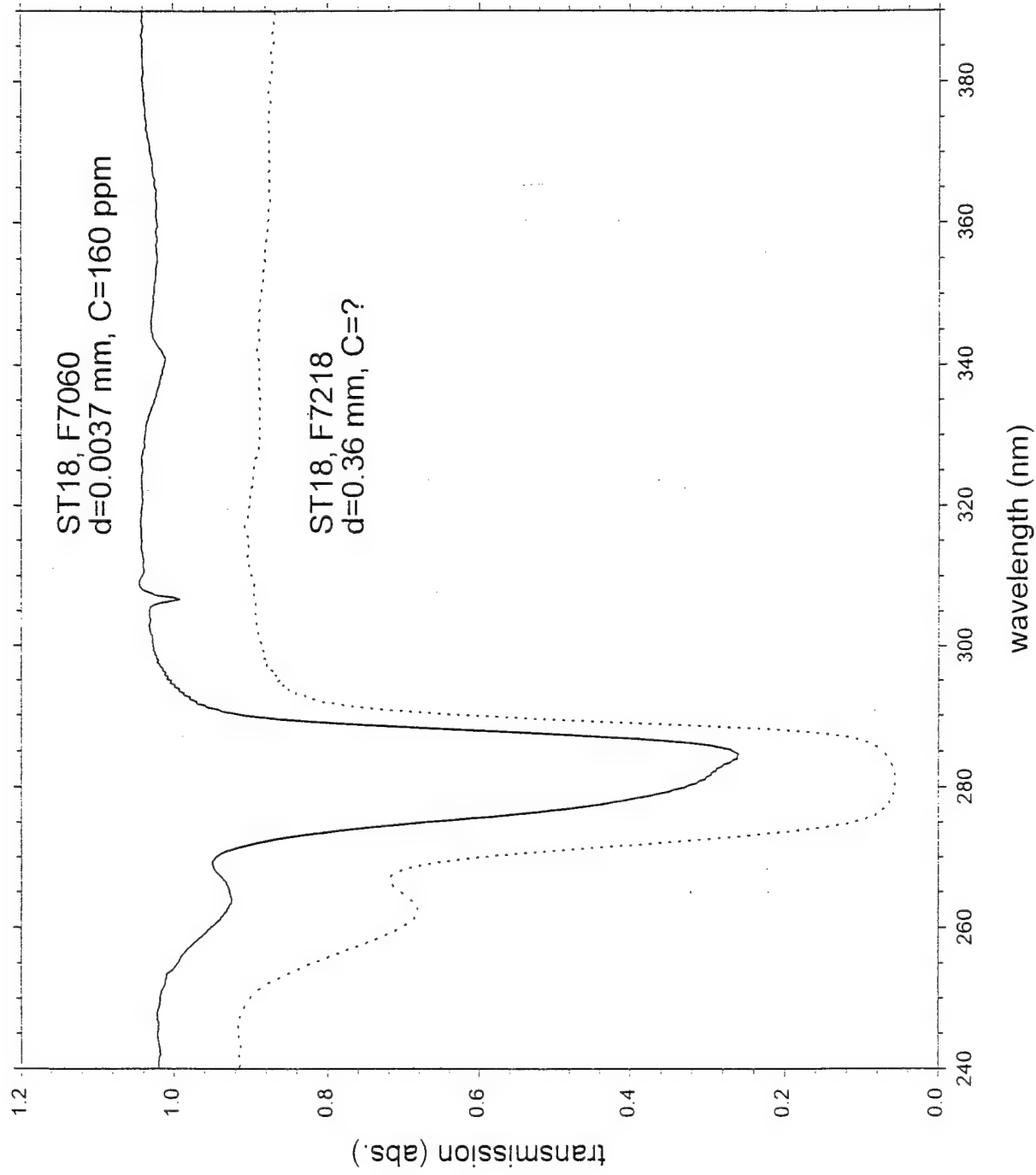
If we want to work with gram scale, heavily-doped pH_2 samples, we require a spectral feature that has a very small intrinsic absorption coefficient (α) to compensate for the higher c and l .

We can use dopant-induced infrared absorptions to determine the concentration.

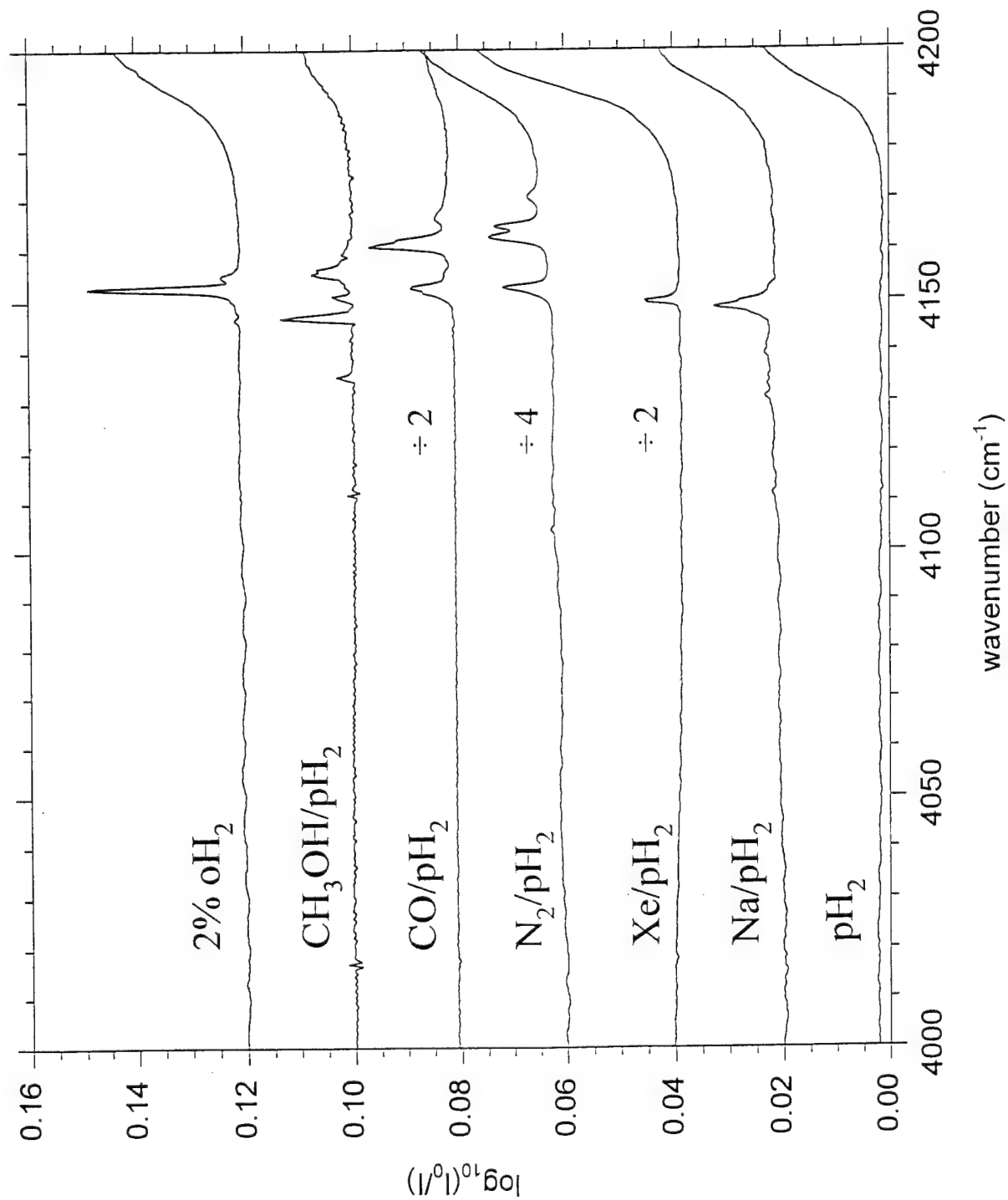
BUT: Need to determine $\alpha_{\text{ind}} \equiv$ the dopant-host intrinsic absorption strength

OH
slide

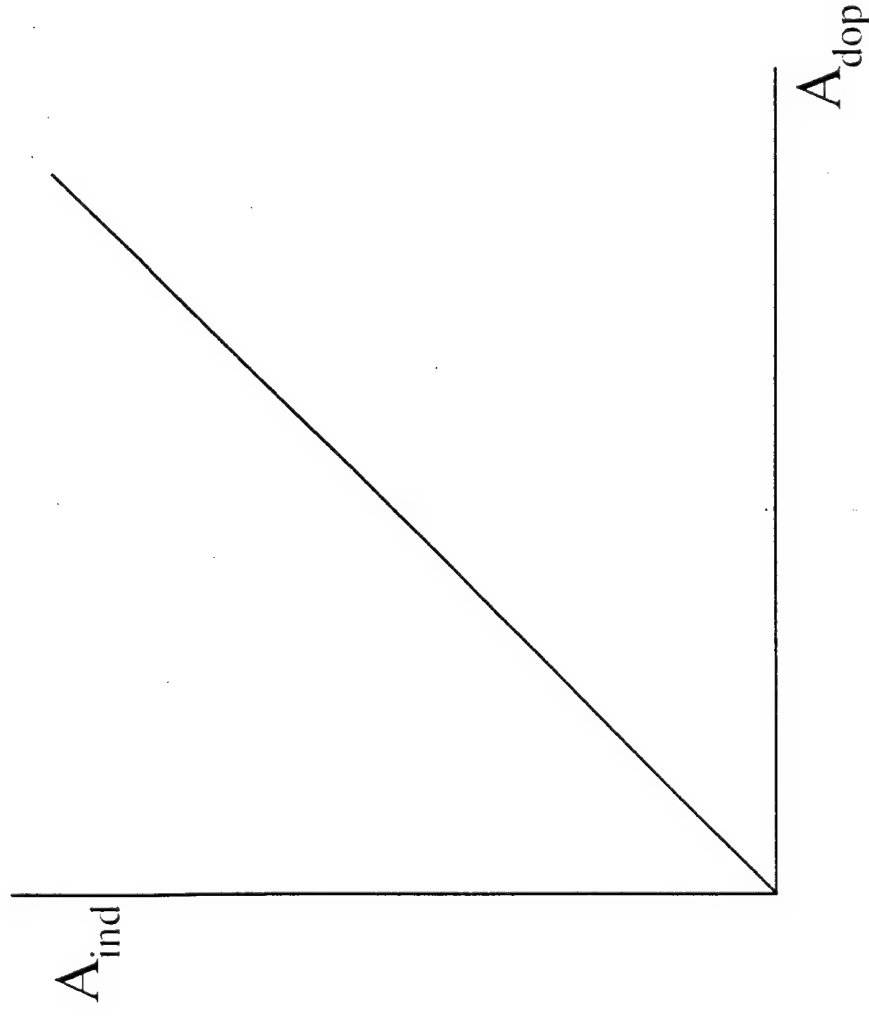
Mg/pH₂ and Mg/oD₂, T=2 K



Examples of Dopant Induced H₂ Absorptions



Determining α_{ind} from α



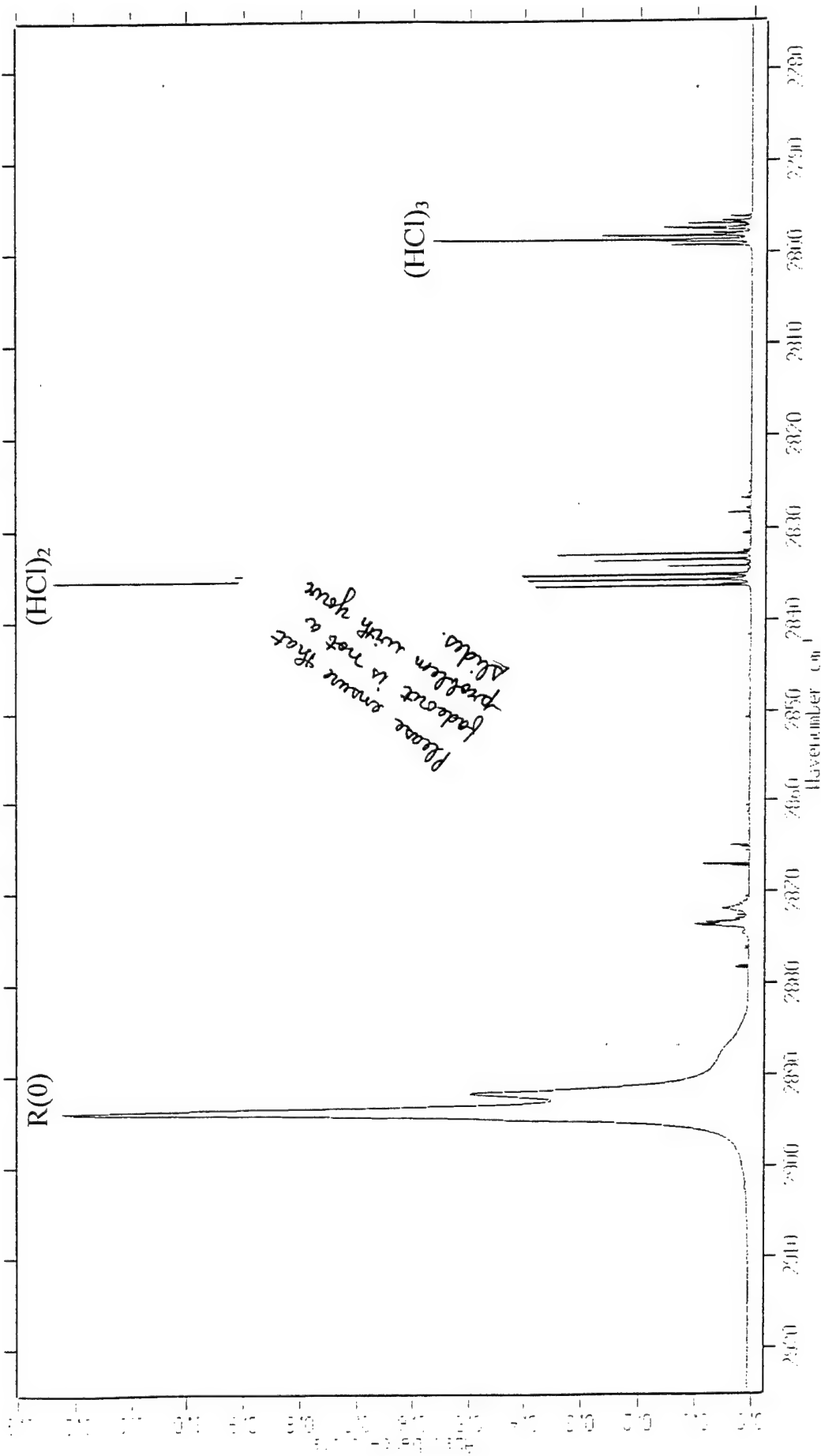
Where:

$$\text{Slope of the line} = \frac{\alpha_{ind}}{\alpha}$$

$\alpha \equiv$ property of the dopant in the gas phase

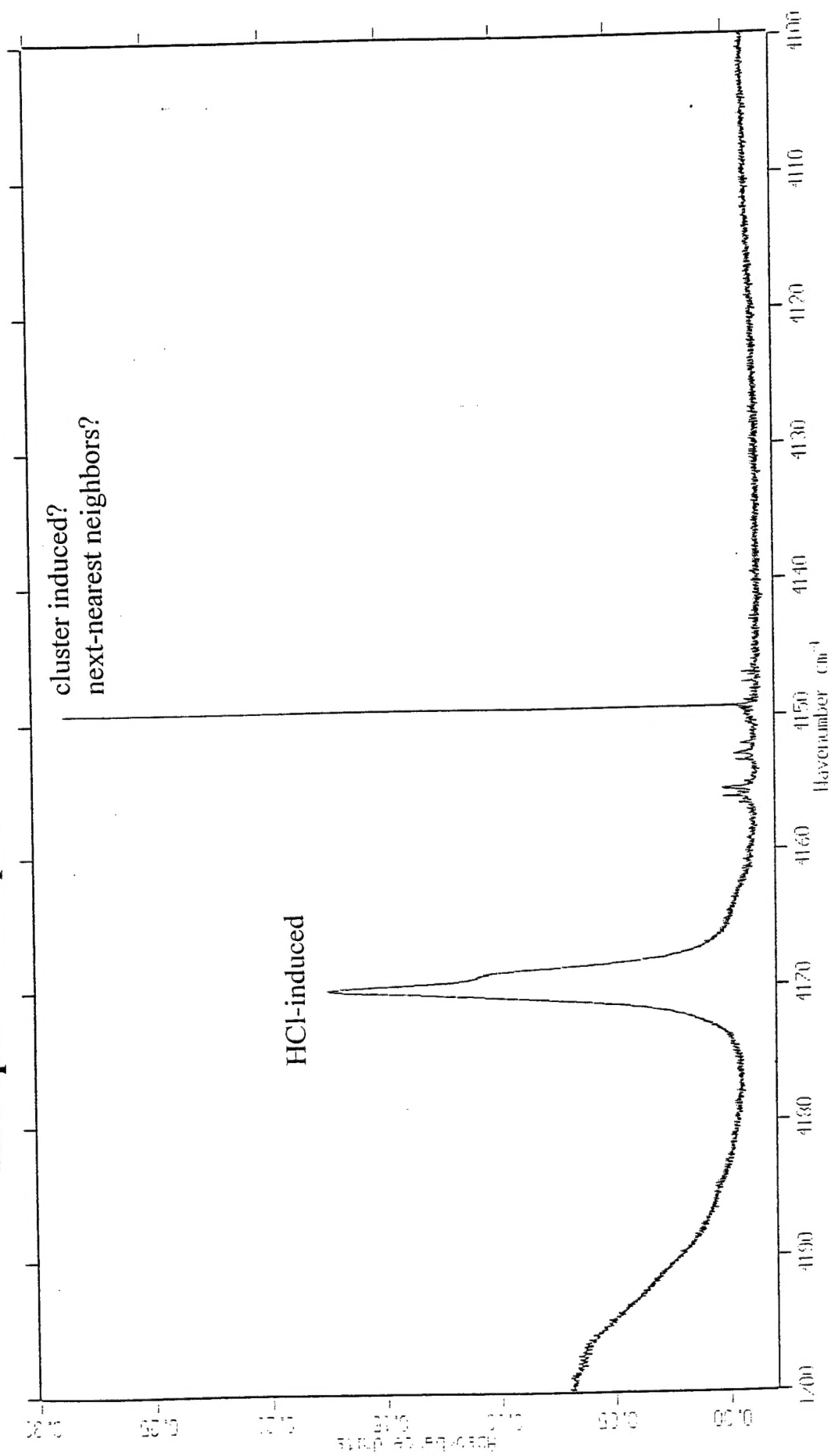
$\alpha_{ind} \equiv$ property of the dopant and pH_2 in solid pH_2

HCl/pH₂ at 2.4 K, 88 ppm, Resolution = 0.0075 cm⁻¹
 Annealed Sample, HCl Absorptions Region

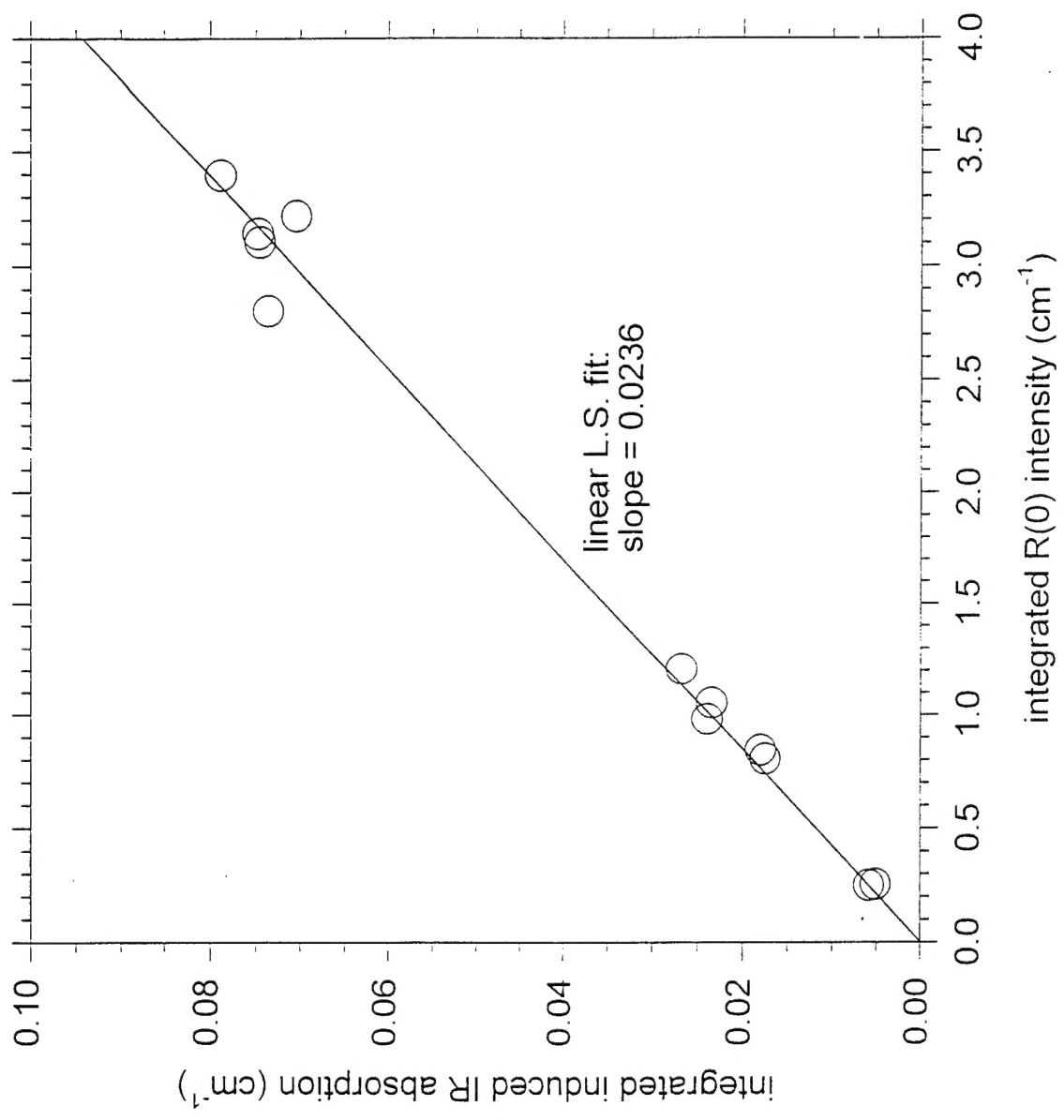


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**HCl/pH₂ at 2.4 K, 494 ppm, Resolution = 0.0075 cm⁻¹
As Deposited Sample, Induced Absorption Region**



Correlation between HCl-Induced pH_2 IR Absorption and HCl $\text{R}(0)$ Absorption



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HCl-Induced pH₂ Intrinsic IR Absorption Strength

$$\int \alpha_{\text{ind}}(\text{HCl}/\text{pH}_2) dv = 0.0236 \int \alpha(\text{HCl}) dv$$

literature: $\int \alpha(\text{HCl}) dv = 19.8 \text{ km/mol}^*$

$$\therefore \int \alpha_{\text{ind}}(\text{HCl}/\text{pH}_2) dv = \underline{\underline{0.47 \text{ km/mol}}}$$

*K. N. Rao, ed., *Molecular Spectroscopy: Modern Research Vol. III* (Academic Press, Inc., New York, 1985).

Question: What is the maximum, measurable concentration of HCl/pH₂?

Assume: a) 1 mm thick sample

b) $\int A_{\text{max}} dv = 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$$C_{\text{max}} = \frac{2.303 (2 \text{ cm}^{-1})}{(0.1 \text{ cm})(4.7 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{mol}})}$$

$$= 9.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/cm}^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.3\% \text{ HCl/pH}_2$$

SUMMARY

For millimeters thick, heavily-doped samples, direct absorption spectroscopy fails because of limitations on dynamic range and achievable signal-to-noise levels.

Dopant-induced pH_2 transitions are a possible solution to this problem.

- 1) appear to obey Beer's Law
- 2) are very weak IR transitions (i.e., increased dynamic range for heavily doped samples)

For HCl in pH_2 , the intrinsic absorption strength of the induced transition is approximately 2.4% of the intrinsic absorption strength of HCl in the gas phase.

Can calculate the maximum measurable concentration for a HCl-doped pH_2 solid: 2.3% for a 1 mm thick sample, achieving objective of measuring $\sim 1\%$ concentration in millimeters thick samples.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

We are in the process of completing a survey of various dopants in solid pH_2 to determine the generality of using the induced absorptions for concentration measurements.